BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT News Release

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SUBJECT: Missing Person (Adult)

Blacksburg police are currently investigating the disappearance of a 53-year-old mentally disabled man.

George Wilson Owens resides in the 400 Block of Givens Lane and was reported missing today by a caretaker. Owens was last seen the evening of Monday March 13, 2006 on foot in the area around Clayton Estates Mobile Home Community in North Blacksburg. He was wearing a white shirt with blue stripes and blue denim jeans. Owens is described as a white male, 5'8" tall, 130 pounds with dark shoulder length hair and a moustache.

There is no photograph of Owens available. At this point police have been able to identify only one known relative. No contact with that person, a brother who lives locally, has been established. Owens is not a licensed driver and there is no reason to believe he had a vehicle or transportation. Police officers are conducting searches of the area around the mobile home community and a door-to-door canvas of the area.